The mid-semester Parent Teacher Conversations (PTC) will be occurring on the last Thursday and Friday of term.

After talking with parents at the last PTC evening we have changed and extended the times teachers are available, and introduced the chance for parents to book a convenient meeting time.

You would have received a letter explaining how you can logon to Compass last month.

When you logon to Compass you will be able to view information about your young person’s performance at school, and it will also allow you to book times with their subject teachers at the PTC.

You will be able to book a time on Thursday from 3:30pm to 8:00pm, and on Friday from 10:00am to 12noon.

Please note that there will be no classes schedule on Friday. Please note that each interview is seven minutes - we ask you to keep this in mind when you are meeting with teachers.

If you would like help in setting up your Compass logon or booking appointments please contact Reception and someone will be able to help you.
The Final Two Months

The first VCE exam, English, will be held on Wednesday, 30th October.

VCAL and VCE students in Year 12 must have all their work submitted by Thursday, 24th October.

As we fast approach the end of the school year and the end of secondary school for our Year 12 students - it is important that students remain focused on what they are trying to achieve.

A balance between study, work and social life is essential in making sure these hectic last few months are manageable and ultimately deliver success.

We know that a supportive, encouraging home environment will play a large part in helping students to be successful.

If you, or your child are feeling that the pressures of this time are becoming too much, we encourage you make contact so we can support you and your family through this time.

Nello and Geoff

Wednesday Afternoon Study Sessions

Every student is encouraged to use their Wednesday afternoons to catch up on their work, with individual teachers or simply to work in a quiet area with their teacher assisting if required.

These Wednesday afternoons are a great way of keeping up, getting extra help or working with peers to maximise learning.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of Wednesday afternoon study sessions, see page 9 for teacher, time and location.

Kurnai College Four Pillars

Engagement: We actively participate in our own learning
Excellence: We do the best that we can do
Work Ethic: We are committed to working hard
Relationships: We value and respect each other
Key exam dates

Year 11 Exams

Dates:
Thursday 21 to Wednesday 27 November.
A draft timetable has been put together and students will be given a final timetable closer to the time.

Location:
All exams will be held in the Green Inc. building, Module D.
Most students will be familiar with this room as the GAT was held here earlier this year.
If any student does not know where the room is then they need to come and see me as soon as possible.

There will be no Year 11 classes running during exam week.

Year 12 Exams

MOCK ENGLISH EXAM

Date:    Thursday, 19 September 2013
Time:    9:00am to 12:15pm
Students will need to be present at the venue at 8.30 a.m.

Location:
The Auditorium, Monash University.

A letter with further details is being sent to all families.

ENGLISH VCE EXAM

Date:    Wednesday, 30 October 2013
Time:    9:00am to 12:15pm
Students will need to be present at the venue at 8.30 a.m.

Location:
The Auditorium, Monash University.

More information will be available shortly.

More info
will be available
in the coming weeks
Career & pathway news

Important information for Year 12s

APPLYING FOR COURSES
A reminder that you need to apply for courses through VTAC for 2014 by 27 September (www.vtac.edu.au). The cost of applying up to that date is $27.00. If you apply after this date the charge rises to $91.00. You can apply without paying at the time, but be aware that if you do not pay at all, you will not receive an offer of a place in January 2014. Remember that once you apply, you can change your application. The final time you can change your application is at noon on 23 December.

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
Reminder: All current Year 12 students are advised to apply for Equity and Merit scholarships via VTAC. VTAC scholarship applications for domestic students close at 5pm on 18 October 2013. See: www.vtac.edu.au/applying/process.html. Also check individual institution websites for other scholarships. There are also Student Start-Up and Relocation Scholarships available to students receiving income support; these are administered by Centrelink. Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are administered by institutions and will be allocated to students who meet the Commonwealth eligibility as described on the Centrelink website and have had their indigenous status confirmed.

COURSE OFFERS
VTAC has announced that offer letters will no longer be mailed to applicants. When offers of places are released on 17 January 2014, applicants will be able to view their offers in their VTAC user account. Offers may also be published by newspapers with the applicant’s permission. NOTE: Verbal offers have no status; if you receive a verbal offer, ask for the name of the person making the offer and contact VTAC.

JMC ACADEMY
Have workshops in the holidays to help you find out what a career in the creative industries can be like. JMC specialises in courses in 3D animation, audio engineering and sound, entertainment business management, film and TV production, games design and contemporary music performance. Where: JMC, 171 Bank St, South Melbourne; Cost: $10 per day (with lunch); Bookings: www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2013-07-05/MELBOURNE-WORKSHOPS.cfm.

VTAC HELP
Cherie and Mr Watts will be available at the following times to help students with VTAC applications, SEAS, and scholarships:

Monday 16 Sept:
1pm – 2.50pm computer room

Tuesday 17 Sept:
1pm – 2.50pm computer room

Thursday 18 Sept:
1pm – 2.50pm computer room

Careers advice in Psychology
Universities

NURSING AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
From time to time, universities change the prerequisites for their courses. La Trobe university has announced that from 2016 (applicable to current Year 10 students) the Bachelor of Nursing and the Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery will require a study score of at least 20 in one of Units 3 & 4 biology, chemistry, physics, any maths, psychology, physical education or Health and Human Development (in addition to Units 3 & 4 English (any), currently the only prerequisite).

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) BONUS SCHEMES
ACU offers a number of bonus schemes to Year 12 applicants, including the Early Achievers Program (EAP) and the Elite Athlete Bonus (5 point bonus). Some of these schemes apply to applicants automatically, while others require an application form. For details see: www.acu.edu.au/accessacu. Applications for EAP close on 21 October; applications for the Elite Athlete Bonus scheme close on 1 November.

AUDIO-VISUAL TECHNOLOGY
Do you want to learn the broad skills of the audio-visual industry including lighting, sound, TV production, design, installation and event management while working on real-life productions and events around Melbourne? If so, you might be interested in the one-year Certificate IV or the two-year Diploma in Audio-Visual Technology at RMIT. Audio-visual technologies have a worldwide presence in home, shopping, government and corporate environments, and their evolving applications are one way for companies to differentiate themselves from competitors. As AV technology is aligning with computer technology, new job roles are being created to cater for a new market. Industry professionals often look to employ RMIT graduates due to their professionalism and strong can-do attitude. Info: www.rmit.edu.au/programs/c4230.

Apprenticeships

AUTOMOTIVE MODERN APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
Vantage Automotive P/L is a major provider of government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers. Applications are being sought from people interested in joining the motor trade. Applicants from all over Australia are encouraged to apply, and if you are selected will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to your home. Positions are already available for 2014. Info/apply: www.vantageautomotive.com. Another suitable organisation is the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC); see www.vacc.com.au and go to Apprenticeships and Training.

Apprenticeships with Australian Paper
Australian Paper, Maryvale Mill is offering excellent career opportunities to highly motivated people seeking an Apprenticeship in the following areas:

- Electrical & Instrument – (5 years)
- Fitting & Machining – (4 years)
- Boiler making – (4 years)

Contact the Precinct Careers Office for more information on how to apply.

Leap into LAW - see page 6
Uni Scholarships  C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generously privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.
Thank you to everyone who has sent their photos. If you haven’t forwarded yet, please send to me as soon as possible - this includes; baby photos and any photos taken at school or school events.

Thank you
Kallista

***Attention all Year 12 students***

PHOTOS REQUIRED!

A special DVD presentation that features the class of 2013 is being put together by Kallista Yiannacou. Please email her:

- 1 x Baby photo and
- photos of your time at school.

Digital images only. Photos that are not digital can be scanned in the library.

BABY PHOTO

Photos that work best are those in which you are facing the camera with your eyes open. It is also better if there are no obstructions in front of your face e.g. a dummy, a hand, etc. Suitable age is 0–6 yrs.

SCHOOL DAYS PHOTOS

Any photos of you and your friends from years 7-12. Examples can include, class activities, camps, excursions, formals, deb, school sports, just fun photos taken in the school yard.

If you attended a different school before coming to Kurnai, that’s okay, send in a photo that has just yourself in it. NO PHOTOS FROM PRIVATE FUNCTIONS please.

Kallista is aiming to have at least 1 photo of each student. The making of this DVD is extensive and time consuming, please stick to the deadlines listed below.

**Baby photos due:** Friday 9 August 2013.
**Other photos due:** Friday 20 September 2013

Please email Kallista on:

kalleopi.yiannacou.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
Excursions / events

Melbourne Writers Festival

Year 12 Literature students enjoyed a rewarding day at the Melbourne Writers Festival last week.

They attended three workshops, where they got to hear from five published authors about their various writing styles and the creative processes they go through when planning and writing their stories.

The authors shared some of the techniques they use to support their creative process, such as the various approaches to theme development, the visualisation of characters and settings for the story, and the power of researching, to name a few.

I was very impressed with the quality of the sessions and the students’ reactions to these, their enthusiasm for the whole event, and especially the generation of ideas that they came away with for their own work.

Thanks for a great day!

Mrs Corissa Rieschieck

Upcoming Excursions / Camps

To ensure the smooth organization and running of camps and excursions we request that permission forms and payments be returned to the school by the due date on the permission form. This enables the purchase of train tickets, food and venue tickets etc in a timely manner.

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STUDENT SUPPORT: TEACHER AVAILABILITY 2013

**Humanities**  
All Staff  
Wednesday Period 5  
English Office

**Math**  
Mr. Hootmeyer  
Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm  
SW135

**Math**  
All Available Staff  
Wednesday Period 5  
SW Block

**English**  
Ms. Crichton  
Monday Lunchtime  
Art Department

**English**  
Ms. Riescheck  
Monday Lunchtime  
6W158

**English**  
All Available Staff  
Wednesday Period 5  
English Office

**Music**  
Mr. Bonnici  
Monday recess, Thursday Lunchtime  
Hexagon

**Media**  
Ms. Crichton  
Monday Lunchtime  
Art Department

**Psychology**  
Ms. Thompson  
Wednesday Period 5  
SW130

**Art Studio Art Visual Communication**  
All Art Staff  
Thursday 3pm  
Art Department

**Physics**  
Mr. Hootmeyer  
Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm  
SW135

**Art Studio Art**  
Mr. Shields  
Wednesday Period 5  
Student Services

**Environmental Science**  
Ms. Cropper  
Wednesday Period 5  
Student Services

**Theatre**  
Mr. Miller  
Wednesday Period 5 & Thursday 3pm  
Student Services

ALL TEACHERS ARE AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT DURING THE WEEK
Community news & events

2014 MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Latrobe City Council is seeking expressions of interest from local musicians to take part in the 2014 Music Exchange Program. Places are open for 30 - 35 musicians between the ages of 15 - 21 years, to form a touring band. The band will then participate in an international exchange program with our Sister Cities - Fuzhou, China & Takasago, Japan.

Applications are available from Traralgon, Morwell & Moe Service Centres, the Churchill Community Hub and the Council’s website www.latrobe.vic.gov.au.

For more information contact Jason Membrey on 5129 5604 or email Jason.Membrey@latrobe.vic.gov.au

Receive your Kurnai Newsletter by email

Email: bardsley.sarah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au (subject: Kurnai Newsletter)